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1. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF EVENTS LEADING TO CANCELLATION OF
LENINGRAD PORTION OF "CONTAINER '77" S/ME BACAUSE OF NON-
AVAILABILITY OF ADEQUATE EXHIBIT SPACE:

A. AMCONGEN LENINGRAD REPORTED (REFTEL G) IN LATE DEC. THAT THEY
HAD VISITED FACILITIES AND FOUND GOOD SPACE IN SMALL EXHIBIT
HALL CONTAINING EXISTING SEMINAR ROOM. ALSO BROUGHT OUT
POSSIBILITY OF USING LARGE PAVILION ANDCONSTRUCTING A SEMINAR
ROOM THEREIN.

B. IN MID FEB, AMCONGEN LENINGRAD INFORMED CHAMBER (REFTEL E) OF
OUR REQUIREMENTS AND DESIRE TO RENT SMALL HALL BUT WERE
TOLD THAT THIS FACILITY WAS NOT THEN AVAILABLE FOR DATES
NEEDED. CHAMBER ASSURED AMCONGEN THAT GOOD LOCATIONS
IN CENTRAL CITY WERE AVAILABLE AND WOULD SEEK ONE. ALTERNATIVE WAS
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SUBDIVIDING LARGE PAVILION AT FAIR GROUNDS.
CHAMBER SAID CHOICE WOULD BE MADE FEB. 22.

C. REFTEL D, FEB. 24, REPORTED CHAMBER ADVISING CONGEN THAT
NOTHING AVAILABLE IN CENTRAY CITY BUT THAT PAVILION AT FAIR GROUNDS
WOULD BE AVAILABLE. HOWEVER, PAVILION WAS
LARGE AND WOULD HAVE TO BE SUBDIVIDED AT OUR COST.

LENINGRAD TENTATIVELY RESERVED THIS SPACE PENDING USCO SITE SURVEY.

D. SITE SURVEY AND COST ESTIMATES WERE MADE AND REPORTED (REFTEL C). FOR SIMPLE 200 SQ. MTR. ENCLOSURE, CHAMBER QUOTED PRICE OF R4000 NOT INCLUDING FALSE CEILING TO CUT NOISE, PAINT OR CARPETING. MINIMUM 120 SQ. MTR. WOULD COST R3000 ACCORDING TO CHAMBER QUOTE. WITH OTHER NECESSARY COSTS (INTERPRETERS, RECEPTION, ETC.), TOTAL CAME TO SLIGHTLY OVER US DOLLARS 10,000 (COMPARED TO APPROXIMATELY DOLLARS 5,000 IF SMALL EXHIBIT HALL WITH SEMINAR FACILITY HAD BEEN AVAILABLE). AT SAME TIME, FACILITIES AT HOTELS WERE INVESTIGATED BUT IT CAME OUT THAT EITHER NOTHING WAS AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME (2 1/2 MONTHS AWAY) OR NO FACILITIES EXISTED. COMMENT: AMCONGEN LENINGRAD REPORTS THAT OFTEN TIMES THE STATED PURPOSE OF USING SUCH A FACILITY IN A HOTEL IS DETERMINING FACTOR AS TO WHETHER OR NOT SUCH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE. END COMMENT.

E. DECISION THEN MADE THAT CHAMBER OFFER WAS PROHIBITIVE FOR THREE-DAY EVENT AND USCO WOULD ASK MORFLOT (OUR CO-SPONSOR) IF THEY HAD A FACILITY AVAILABLE IN LENINGRAD (REFTEL C).

F. REFTEL B REPORTED THAT MORFLOT HAD NOTHING AVAILABLE AND LENINGRAD PORTION WOULD THEREFORE HAVE TO BE CANCELLED.

2. PLEASE ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INFO IS NEEDED. TOON
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